Mr. Garrison.

London, Aug. 19, 1846.

Esteemed Friend:

Your very kind note was duly put into my hands; and it is with great pleasure I inform you, that, Deo volente, I intend leaving London for Bristol on Monday next, (24th inst.) in company with my eloquent coadjutors, George Thompson and Frederick Douglass. We propose being with you till Wednesday, when we shall leave for Exeter, to remain there till Friday — which day we shall endeavor to pass at Bath, and so return to London on Saturday. This will be far too hurried a visit to suit me, but I am afraid to promise any thing more. During our brief sojourn in Bristol, we shall submit ourselves entirely to your disposal. Should it be deemed best, by you and other friends,

for us to hold a public meeting,
you are authorised to announce
one for Tuesday evening.

I wish you could have been
with us, at our public meeting
on Monday evening last, at the
Crown and Anchor; because I
am sure it would have given
you great pleasure to see how
cordially the several speakers were
received, and with what bursts of
enthusiasm the sentiments uttered
by them were endorsed. Never have
I seen a more animated assembly.
It was highly intelligent, and quite
numerous. George Thompson was
called to the chair, who made some
eloquent introductory remarks. He
was followed by James Haughton
of Dublin, H. C. Wright, W. L. G.,
F. Douglass, and Henry Vincent.
The meeting began before 7 o'clock,
and did not close till mid-
night — scarcely any having retired,
even at that late hour. A pretty
full report of the proceedings

will appear in the London Universe of Friday. I will endeavor to send you a copy. Nearly all the other city journals have noticed the meeting in respectful terms, and thus have given that publicity to our movement which is so essential to its success.

The Anti-Slavery League which has been formed, if energetically conducted, cannot fail to make a deep impression on the public mind, on both sides of the Atlantic. Whatever it may do toward overthrowing American slavery by righteous instrumentalities, (and it is to be taken for granted that none others will be used,) I feel assured will return in rich blessings on England, and essentially aid, in the most direct manner, the cause of freedom throughout the world. I am happy to know that you are disposed to give it your countenance.

Anticipating much pleasure in my contemplated visit, I remain,

Yours, with much esteem,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

N. B. After further consultation, we have concluded to remain in Bristol until Thursday or Friday. George Thompson thinks he can be with us only one day, just to attend the public meeting, should it be deemed best by you to have one. He will come, in that case, on Tuesday or Wednesday, as you shall decide. Please let us hear from you before we leave for Bristol on Monday.

Your kind offer of hospitality, I shall gratefully and gladly accept.

Should you see my worthy friend H. C. Howells, (perhaps you are not acquainted with him,) please tender him my thanks for his letter, and inform him of my intention in regard to Bristol.

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